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## News you can use

### ‘Gym in a Bag’ available to civilians at fitness fairs

In support of the Center’s commitment to civilian fitness and wellness, the Health and Wellness Center and the 78th MSG/SV Fitness Center will conduct three traveling fitness fairs to distribute “Gym in a Bag” kits to civilian employees.

Based on the Air Force Materiel Command “Fit to Fight” model, the “Gym in a Bag” provides optimum fitness freedom. The bag contains a Versa-Tube, effective for performing a variety of strength and fitness exercises, and a Versa-O, effective for shaping legs and improving overall upper and lower body strength. Additionally, the kit will contain exercise instructions for each type of tubing and a work-out log to track progress. The Versa-Tube and the Versa-O provide effective resistance training without stepping foot in gym.

Two-hundred “Gym in a Bag” kits will be available at each of the following locations:

■ Tuesday, 1 to 3:30 p.m., Flight line Building 125, between Docks 3 and 4

■ Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Base Theater

■ April 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Base Restaurant

There is still opportunity to sign up for the HAWC sponsored “Walk into Wellness” walking campaign. Interested employees may sign up at any of the three traveling fitness fairs.

Workload permitting, supervisors may excuse employees without charge to leave to allow attendance and return to work in no more than one hour. Additional time will be charged to annual leave, available compensatory time, or leave without pay.

—Laurel Jacobs  
Civilian Personnel Office

### 2005 Tattoo ceremony set for April 26

The 2005 Tattoo ceremony will be April 26 on the flightline adjacent to Base Ops.

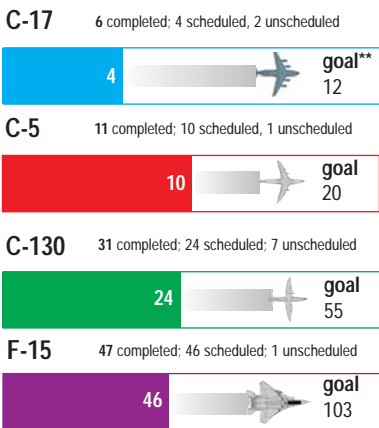
The free event is open to all military, retirees, government employees and all family members. The ceremony honors the armed forces missions to defend and preserve the principles of equality, justice and democracy.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in hangar 110.

—From staff reports

### Aircraft Maintenance Output

The information below reflects Robins’ progress toward maintenance goals for fiscal 2005 as of April 14.



\*\*Goal is for scheduled maintenance on-time delivery only; unscheduled aircraft don’t count toward fiscal year goals.

Source: Doug Clark Jr., depot maintenance workload analyst, 402nd Maintenance Wing

U.S. Air Force graphic by Angela Trunzo

## The more, the merrier



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Maurice Hayes, aircraft mechanic, disassembles a C-17 thrust reverser. Below, mechanics work on two C-17s in hangar 81 April 8.

## Robins’ C-17 workload increases

By Lanorris Askew

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According to Dave Silva a lot of hard work and dedication has gone into growing the C-17 Globemaster workload here, and this month’s maintenance schedule increase shows it has paid off.

“We had what is called a nose-to-tail schedule for two aircraft at a time here at Robins which meant we always had two C-17s here, and it’s been that way for the past year,” The C-17 System Support Management deputy chief said. “This week with the arrival of the third aircraft it gives us a three-ship nose-to-tail schedule. So, at any given time there will always be at least three C-17s on sta-

### What to know

Three of the five C-17s are currently in hangar 81, which has been remodeled to house the aircraft. The two UDLM aircraft currently on station are at functional test where they will remain having engine runs and flights performed to fix the flap fail problem experienced in the field.

tion in GRIP status.”

Global Reach Improvement Program, or GRIP, is a modification program that adds capability to the war fighter through modifications to the aircraft and is the majority of the C-17 work done here.

The journey to this result



began in 2000 when the Center began analytical condition inspections or ACLs on the C-17.

“We started pretty modestly back in 2000 with only one aircraft at a time,” said Mr. Silva. “When one was leaving, another one was coming in.”

In January 2003 the Center moved into C-17 aircraft modifications and implemented GRIP and that work has steadily increased.

Mr. Silva said the reasons for the increase in GRIP aircraft include a larger fleet and

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## Thrift Savings Plan open season starts today

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the “open season” today through June 30.

This open season applies only to regular TSP contributions. It does not include TSP catch-up contributions, as they are not tied to open seasons.

Beginning July 1, civilian employees and military members may start, change, stop, or resume contributions at any time.

For civilians the elections will be effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which submitted, and for military members elections will be effective the following month.

For more information about the Thrift Savings Plan, visit [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).

—Air Force Personnel  
Contact Center

## A-76 preliminary phase town hall meeting today

By Lanorris Askew

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An early morning town hall meeting today will set in motion a new process that could possibly lead to competition for some government functions at Robins. But, there’s no cause for alarm according to Manpower Office personnel.

Donna Long, A-76 management analyst, said the new

Office of Management and Budget, or OMB, process known as the preliminary planning phase, or P3, is an addition to A-76, a competitive sourcing study, and will evaluate portions of the 78th Communication Squadron’s Information Systems Flight, its audiovisual branch and the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron’s Standard Base Supply System.

“This phase will assess the

feasibility of an A-76 study taking place in those areas and doesn’t mean that an A-76 study is being announced at this time,” she said. “During P3 we’ll look at things like what the missions are, how their work is grouped and what their wartime requirements are to see if it makes sense to initiate an A-76 study.”

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### When to go

#### Today

The first P3 town hall meeting will be held at 9 a.m. today in Building 228 conference rooms A and B for 78th Communication Squadron’s Audiovisual and Computer Support employees.

#### Wednesday

The next meeting is set for 9 a.m. Wednesday in Building 255 for Standard Base Supply System employees.

## New travel system lets civilians, military plan TDY from their desks

By Holly L. Birchfield

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Active-duty military and civilians will soon be able to arrange temporary duty assignments without leaving their desks.

The Defense Travel System, a Web-based program that allows those traveling on official business to arrange the details of their trip and electronically file travel receipts without leaving their desks, is slated to come online at

Robins starting in late July.

Sally Haynes, lead DTS administrator with the 78th Comptroller Squadron, said the site offers similar conveniences as commercial travel Web sites.

“You go into the system and prepare your authorization for travel using DD Form 1610,” she said. “You can book your airline tickets, lodging and rental car, if you’re authorized to have one. It’s going

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U.S. Air Force photo illustration by Staff Sgt. Brian Bahret

**Robins 3-day forecast**

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

**Today**  
Mostly sunny



70/44

**Saturday**  
Mostly sunny



70/44

**Sunday**  
Mostly sunny



74/46

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# Training helps quality assurance specialists solve problems

**By Debbie Berry-Smith**  
402nd Maintenance Wing

More than 70 quality assurance specialists from the 402nd Maintenance Wing are learning how to do their jobs better. The training, which began in mid-December, teaches specialists how to use a root-cause analysis methodology to iden-

tify workable solutions for problem areas. Tim Annis, chief of the 402nd Maintenance Wing Quality Assurance Branch, said the eight-hour training session teaches people how to take a deeper approach to problem-solving. “Getting past treating symp-

toms and focusing on finding the real root cause is our goal,” he said. “In the past, our focus has been on finding problems and recommending a fix. As a result of the FARR (Focused Augmentation Risk Reduction), sustainment is what we are now focused on. Unless we identify the real cause of a problem, correct it and sustain that process, we haven’t done our jobs.”

Without reaching the proper solution, the same results will be achieved - an outcome Mr. Annis said is unacceptable. The seminar provides specialists an understanding of how to perform preliminary analysis, problem identification, data collection and analysis, apply root cause identification techniques and develop corrective actions.

The seminar offers specialists training on a variety of analysis techniques to help isolate root causes of problems. David Manfredi, a quality assurance specialist for the Quality Assurance Branch, said the RCA approach to problem solving is an invaluable tool in preventing problems from resurfacing.

Mr. Annis said techniques taught in the training will help specialists take a proactive approach in their work areas. “The root-cause analysis techniques participants are exposed to will enable them to lead teams in their areas of responsibility as we begin to use drop cards and focus on the FARR team findings.”

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employees. The first six months’ performance would determine whether the Center would take a goal day May 27. Performance in the second half of the fiscal year will determine whether the Center will get the day off Nov. 10. The goals are: ■ At least 95 percent on-time delivery of PDM aircraft; ■ At least 50 percent reduction in DUIs from the numbers the Center logged in 2004; ■ At least 50 percent reduction in safety-related injuries below 2004 numbers with no fatalities or crippling injuries; and ■ At least 95 percent atten-

dance in training. General Collings said he was very impressed with the Center’s performance so far this fiscal year, especially in aircraft production, safety and reduced DUIs, but he is still troubled by the number of training seats going unfilled. “If we’re only filling 78 percent of our training seats, it means that more than one in every five training opportunities - seats we’ve already paid for - goes unused.” He stressed that the Center’s documented need for training and today’s tight fiscal environment make it even more important that training seats are used efficiently. “If you paid for your son to take a driver’s education class and he didn’t show up for the class, would you pay for him to

go some other time?” General Collings asked. “We are missing opportunities to train our people, which means that we have people in their work environment without the right tools to do the job.” Center Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Chris Anzalone pointed out that the Focused Area Risk Reduction team identified about 600 training-related issues and about 800 safety-related issues during their work at the Center from October to January. “If we don’t seriously target training and safety, we will never change our culture to ‘People First...Mission Always,’” General Anzalone said. “We are doing great in the mission area with our outstanding aircraft production numbers, but we are

not there yet with our people-related goals in training and safety.” General Collings said the Center’s senior leaders will meet next month to review how the goal day policy is working out. “I want to be clear that our focus is on the people, not just the goals,” General Collings said. “If we focus on our people the goals will follow. I think we are making great strides in many areas, but we need to keep pressing on and watching out for each other - like good wingmen - if we are to meet the goals we set out for ourselves. I still believe we can achieve the four goals.” The Center’s next chance for a goal day is Nov. 10. The goal day will be granted if the Center meets all its goals for the period April through Sept. 30.

### How to help meet the goals

- Goal days are an incentive to encourage everyone in the Center to actively participate in meeting the Center’s goals. Here’s what you can do to help the Center meet fiscal 2005 goals:
- Be a good Wingman by helping others to be safe. This includes making sure co-workers and employees are wearing the proper protective equipment, watching out for unsafe behavior and documenting threats to safety.
- Remind co-workers about the importance of attending training.
- Encourage others not to drink if they are driving. This might include mentoring on responsible drinking, setting up alternative activities after duty hours, and offering no-questions-asked rides home for those who have been drinking.
- Help people to be productive by looking for ways you can help them do their job better. Discuss potential efficiencies with your supervisor. If you are in a customer-service job, look for ways to provide better and faster service. Cut out frustrating “red tape” wherever possible.

— Lt. Col. Mike Pierson

## C-17

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an increase in customer confidence. “We’re still in production,” he said. “We’re getting ready to deliver aircraft number 134, so we have a larger fleet and an aging fleet which means there are more modifications that need to be done.” He said Robins is handling some of the overflow from San Antonio, Texas. “We started off small to give the work force a chance to perform and build the customer’s confidence in what we can do here at Robins and that has happened,” said Mr. Silva. “We’ve got a schedule that we’re on target with.” He said the plan to build up to three aircraft has been met; now the plan is to get four GRIP C-17s at a time by late April 2006. “That means we’ll maintain a four ship nose-to-tail schedule into the future,” he said. “When it will go beyond four we don’t know.” Willie Jones, Boeing site manager, said the three current aircraft here for GRIP will go through an estimated combined 27,900 hours of maintenance. “Based on aircraft work packages, it can be here for 45 to 130 flow days,” he said. “The next three aircraft are some of the smaller to mid-range packages, meaning the C-17s will be here for fewer flow days.” This year the projected number of hours for all GRIP aircraft is 150,000. Although the growth of the GRIP program is good news for Robins, it is not the only way to get C-17s. In addition to the three aircraft undergoing the modification process, the

Center recently inducted two C-17s for unscheduled depot level maintenance, or UDLM. UDLM aircraft have three options for repair: They can either be taken to San Antonio’s Boeing Aerospace Support Center, have a Boeing team come to them for repair or be brought here. Due to similar problems on both aircraft, the decision was made to bring the two UDLM aircraft here. Mr. Jones said unlike projected hours for GRIP, the hours on UDLMs are based on finding and fixing the problems. “We’ve already expended about 500 hours on these aircraft on the troubleshooting and scientist analysis phase, so it could be pretty significant,” he said. “The effort on the UDLM is a combined effort with the Boeing engineering and technical team and the 402nd Robins Maintenance Wing team.” Both men agree that the success of the partnership between Boeing and the Center is because of an integrated product team approach that makes all team members responsible for success. Twenty-six C-17s have gone through Robins as a part of the ACL, GRIP and UDLM workload since April 2000. This doesn’t include aircraft currently on station. “The flight line maintenance team and the Boeing maintenance team have jelled well to accomplish their goals,” said Mr. Jones. “My hat goes off to all the teams involved in the success of the C-17 workload growth, in particular the support equipment team. Given what I thought was the impossible task of ensuring we had enough support equipment to support the efforts here they are doing so in record time.”

## A-76

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The A-76 process is a congressionally mandated program where government functions performing activities that are also offered in the private sector are looked at for possible competition. According to Mrs. Long, the town hall meetings will explain the P3 process to affected employees and answer questions they may have. Today’s meeting is for the Communication Squadron’s employees, while Standard Base Supply System employees are scheduled for Wednesday. Lt. Col. Tim D. Hartje, 78th Communications Squadron commander, said the meetings are a positive move. “An important element of this initiative will be to keep those personnel who may be affected informed throughout the process,” he said. “The town hall meeting will be a good ini-

tial step in keeping the lines of communication open.” **The process** Before any competition begins, P3 analysis must be performed. This review and analysis must be completed within six-months once it’s initiated. The review - composed of a team of Manpower Office, staff specialists, and functional personnel - will evaluate areas including work center mission changes, market conditions, labor market research and current performance costs. After the P3 analysis, the team documents its findings and sends them to Air Force Materiel Command and then on to Air Force with a recommendation to proceed with the study or not. The recommendation is then approved or disapproved by higher headquarters officials. “If it’s given a green light we make a public announcement and the A-76 process begins,” said Mrs. Long. When a decision is made to

do an A-76 study the function to undergo the study will be given the opportunity to look at itself through new eyes. “They get a chance to decide how they can do the job smarter, cheaper and more efficiently,” said Mrs. Long. “Whatever they come up with, they bid to a statement of work to do the job.” While they are bidding, contractors in the private sector are also bidding. “Through that competition the government saves money because the function has a chance to redesign its operations into a most efficient organization, or MEO, which means they go in and evaluate processes and streamline operations wherever possible,” said Mrs. Long. No matter who prevails in a competition - the in-house government operation or a new contractor operation - the taxpayer wins, she added. The wining entity must continue to perform to the performance

standards and associated costs identified in its MEO bid for the contract period, usually five years. Vacienta Respress, of the 78th Communication Squadron, said their mission has undergone drastic change since the 1996 study, and the P3 process will allow them to clearly define the impact of that change on what they will study. “We are confident that this new process will support fair competition between in-house personnel and commercial vendors who support similar missions,” she said. “This new preliminary planning phase allows us to determine if A-76 is still the correct approach to competitively source the previously studied activities.” Most government functions competed under A-76 guidelines in recent years have been retained in-house while still achieving cost savings. A mandate by OMB requires that a re-evaluation take place every five years.

## TRAVEL

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to help the Department of Defense become more efficient with commercial travel for TDY assignments.” Cheryl McNeil-Jordan, a financial services officer with the 78th CPTS, said the computer-based system saves people the hassle of keeping up with hard-copy receipts and trekking across base to hand-deliver TDY forms. “No one ever has to bring their TDY orders to the Finance Office,” she said. “You’ll be able to send everything through a routing system from your com-

**What to know** Robins is one of eight bases Air Force Materiel Command-wide to implement the program. The program’s initial implementation here is expected to begin as early as July. For more information, visit [www.defensetravel.osd.mil](http://www.defensetravel.osd.mil). It’s very convenient.” Tech. Sgt. Michael Murdock, a financial manager with the 19th Air Refueling Group, who has gone TDY extensively in his military career, said the system gives travelers more control. “I think everyone in general is going to like it because they’ll have total control over process-

ing their TDY orders and voucher payments,” he said. “Normally, it takes three to five days to pay for vouchers filed with Base Finance. They can feasibly get paid within two days with this program.” DTS contains regulations governing details within TDY orders, such as authorization of car rental and other travel-related restrictions. All transactions will be audited by the Defense Finance Accounting Service in Denver. Lt. Col. Stephen Kennedy, commander of the 78th CPTS, said the program, which has been implemented at 48 Air Force installations, will shave weeks off of the time it takes to

set up and close out TDY orders. “DTS is revolutionary,” he said. “It’s the most significant change to travel pay in 20 years. It won’t happen overnight. It will take a year or more to fully implement it.” Robins is currently training individuals base-wide to serve as organizational defense travel administrators, to field questions and concerns with DTS. A team, consisting of representatives from the Northrop Grumman Corporation, Air Force Materiel Command headquarters, and the Secretary of the Air Force’s Financial Management Division, will visit Robins in late July to answer any DTS questions.



# Shirts put troops first

By Airman Paul R. Ross

116th Air Control Wing  
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Although the job of a first sergeant may not always be glit and glamour, it’s a very rewarding one according to Master Sgt. Jeffrey Hotchkiss.

The 116th Mission Support Group first sergeant first joined the Air Force to serve his country, get an education and work on aircraft. But after being selected for first sergeant duty, he got something more.

“I have found a completely gratifying job where I can get out and help the troops,” he said. “The greatest feeling you get being a first sergeant is when you help someone through a hard time. You show them the path and provide the right direction to help them fix their particular issue.”

The duties of a first sergeant include counseling troubled Airmen, helping troops solve problems, recognizing accomplishments and working with the commander in administering discipline or non-judicial punishment when needed.

“Being a first sergeant is demanding and takes up a lot of personal time,” said Sergeant Hotchkiss. “You may have to go out at all hours of the night, stay late at the office and put your Airmen before yourself, but it’s all worth it.”

Being a first sergeant is arguably one of the most important jobs in the Air Force, because they deal with people first-hand.

“The job of all first sergeants - active duty, Guard and Reserve - is so important to the total force because the first sergeant is completely engaged in all people of all components,” said Chief Master Sgt. Martin Rutkowski, Air Force Reserve Command first sergeant functional manager. “Being completely engaged helps complete the circle of a mission-ready force.”

The role of first sergeants is to be part of the glue that holds squadrons, units and the whole Air Force together. They inspire troops through example.

First sergeants are key senior enlisted leaders

## First shirt qualifications

Some of the qualifications of becoming a first sergeant include:

- a master sergeant
- highly motivated
- exceptional leadership and managerial skills
- worldwide deployable
- good physical condition
- ability to speak distinctly
- qualify at the seven or nine skill level in any Air Force Specialty Code.

Source: [www.au.af.mil/au/cpd/fsa/](http://www.au.af.mil/au/cpd/fsa/)

critical to the success of every squadron, according to Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop, United States Air Force First Sergeants Academy commandant.

“Historically, first sergeants have been the disciplinarians in organizations,” he said. “However, their talents and skills go far beyond that. They are responsible for ensuring the members of the squadron are trained, motivated and ready to carry out their unit’s mission.”

First sergeants also work to maintain a high level of morale in the troops. During the 116th’s operational readiness exercise in February, Sergeant Hotchkiss walked around and passed out cookies, candy bars and granola bars to all the troops playing in the exercise.

“When you’re out there in your chemical gear all day, sometimes a simple piece of chocolate will make you feel better,” he said.

The job is normally a volunteer position, but some are selected without volunteering. Once a person is accepted to become a “First Shirt,” he or she attends a four-week class at the First Sergeant Academy at Gunter Annex, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

“At the USAF First Sergeant Academy, we train select senior noncommissioned officers to fill leadership roles, and prepare them to meet the needs of our expeditionary Air Force,” said Chief Bishop.

# Former first shirt named 19th ARG honorary first sergeant

By Holly L. Birchfield

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More than 30 years ago, Howard “Ken” Genthner served as first sergeant to nearly 800 Black Knights – and that service is now carrying over to the 19th Air Refueling Group today.

Mr. Genthner, who served as a first sergeant in the 19th Security Police Squadron at Robins from 1967 – 1969, was recently named the group’s first honorary first sergeant – an honor given to former first sergeants who have served the Black Knight community in the past – as part of the group’s Honorary Commanders program which spans more than 30 years.

The 75-year-old Washington D.C native was recognized for his enthusiasm as a Black Knight at his son-in-law’s recent NCO Academy graduation - a zeal that made him the group’s choice for its first honorary first sergeant.

“When the 19th ARG discovered a former 19th Bomb Wing, Security Police Squadron first sergeant at a recent NCO Academy graduation, it was the perfect opportunity to bring some insight and mentoring to our forces from someone who has walked in their shoes as a Black Knight,” Col. Jeffrey Kennedy, 19th ARG deputy commander, said. “The Black Knights are proud to welcome Master Sgt. Ken Genthner, honorary first sergeant, to our proud group of honorary commanders. He’ll be a perfect addition to this group of dedicated men and women who do so much to improve the quality of life for all Black Knights every single day.”

Master Sgt. Anthony Clay, first sergeant for the 19th Operations Support Squadron, agreed.

“He’s a great guy. He’s very personable and has so many interesting stories from the past. I think he’ll add a lot to the group.”

As an honorary first sergeant, Mr. Genthner will be invited to play an active role in meetings, dinners and other official group functions.

The retired first sergeant said he has a new respect for first sergeants today.

## What to know

The 19th Air Refueling Group's Honorary First Sergeant Program was developed earlier this year as a supplement to the group's Honorary Commander's Program. The program allows former members of the 19th ARG and units that pre-date the group to take an active role in meetings, dinners, and other official functions.

“Situations are entirely different from when I was in the military 36 years ago,” he said. “Back in my time, we were rough and ready. Now, they’re finesse and ready.”

Mr. Genthner, who now resides in Lizella, Ga., said he is proud to be a part of the Black Knight heritage.

“I believe once you’re a Black Knight, you’re always a Black Knight,” he said. “I feel very honored that (the group) made me their honorary first sergeant.”

According to Sergeant

Clay, Mr. Genthner was the first to cross-train into the first sergeant career field.

The retired Black Knight will be recognized at the group’s next commander’s call April 28.

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# Succeeding in the combat zone

By Lt. Col. Rod Radcliffe  
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RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – Imagine you have just received your deployment tasking for the next AEF rotation. You wonder, what job will I do? What will the environment be like? Will I succeed in a high stress combat zone?

I was recently faced with these same questions as I prepared for a four-month deployment to the international zone in Iraq to fill a J-6 position working communications issues. As happens quite often in the fluid environment in Baghdad, I was redirected to work as a liaison officer in the Iraqi joint operations center, and I found myself as the only Airman on the Army liaison team. I had to quickly learn “Army-speak” and Army tactics, techniques and procedures to accomplish the mission.

The number of Airmen in the international zone is small compared to the number of Army personnel, but they have a significant impact on the headquarters. Most of the Airmen are working within their Air Force specialty code, but had to learn the “joint” way of doing business.

I wondered how my Army counterparts viewed our Airmen, so I asked some of the



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Andrea Knudson

KARSHI-KHANABAD, Uzbekistan – Army Sgt. 1st Class Gustave Bloom tours the fuel storage area here with his Air Force counterpart Master Sgt. Scott Ross. Sergeant Ross is the 416th Expeditionary Mission Support Squadron's fuels management flight superintendent, and Sergeant Bloom is the fuels accountability officer for Logistics Task Force 191 here.

senior leadership.

Overall, they found Airmen to be dedicated, professional and motivated – just the characteristics needed in a high-ops

tempo combat zone.

So how can you be as successful in this challenging and unfamiliar environment? From my observations and experi-

ence, I believe there are five things you can do to succeed in the war zone:

#### Be ready

The best thing you can do is

to know your job; be the expert.

Paying attention during your ancillary training and self-aid buddy care class just might save someone's life.

#### Be fit to fight

You may end up walking long distances and wearing 20 pounds of body armor can quickly sap your strength if you are not in shape.

#### Be flexible

Embrace the role you are given and accept the differences around you. Modify your actions and procedures to fit the situation, which will allow you to settle in and quickly learn the “joint” or “coalition” way of operating. This “get-the-job done” approach is key to mission success.

#### Be accountable

Every position in the combat zone is an important one. Welcome the responsibility you are given and hold yourself accountable to ensure the mission is done right.

#### Be enthusiastic

Enthusiasm is a force multiplier. High ops tempo is a way of life and enthusiastic Airmen deal with the situation best.

I'm proud of the Airmen I deployed with in Iraq . They did amazing things everyday and did a great job of representing the Air Force. If you get the chance to serve in a similar environment, I encourage you to embrace the opportunity to show our Soldiers, Sailors and Marines just what it means to be an Airman.

## Today's Airmen serve generations yet unborn

By Maj. Joel Fortenberry  
509th Contracting Squadron  
commander

WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, Mo. (AFPN) – Leon Alton Palmer was born April 27, 1945, in Mableton, Ga., the son of Nelly and Arvel Palmer. On Aug. 17, 1968, Sgt. Leon A. Palmer, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, was killed in Gia Dinh Province, South

Vietnam. He was 23 years old and left behind a daughter, Linda, and son, Tony.

Over 8,000 miles away on that same August Saturday, I was born in Tyler, Texas. I was born free and have known nothing but freedom for all 36 years of my life.

On Sept. 15, 2003, Army Staff Sgt Kevin C. Kimmerly, of North Creek, N.Y., was killed when his vehicle was hit by a rocket propelled grenade while

on patrol in Baghdad. Later that same day, far from the chaos of Iraq, my son was born in Dayton, Ohio. He was born free and has known nothing but freedom for all 19 months of his short life.

Because you serve today, on the flight line or off, in a flight suit, BDUs or civilian clothes, a child whose name you may never know was born free. Because you repaired a network or guided a convoy, because you corrected a personnel record and made sure

Airmen were paid, because you stood watch at the base perimeter, because you built a base exchange facility in the desert, because you wrote the contract and repaired a runway, because you flew a mission or repaired the aircraft with unmatched skill and expertise, a child was born free today.

What an honor and privilege we have in this Air Force and this nation to ensure freedom is the birthright to new generations of Americans. Because of

you, a child was born free today in Tyler, Texas; in Dayton, Ohio; in towns all over this country. But also because of you, children were born free today in cities called Kabul and Bagram, Baghdad and Tallil. Freedom isn't earned and its survival isn't guaranteed. Rather freedom is given to us by the grace of God and the character of those willing to sacrifice all to see it live on. Those like Leon Palmer, Kevin Kimmerly and you. Thank you.

### Commander's Action Line

Col. Greg Patterson  
Commander,  
78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

Security Forces.....	327-3445
Services Division.....	926-5491
EEO Office.....	926-2131
MEO.....	926-6608
Employee Relations.....	926-5802
Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

#### Parking at Building 227

I work in Building 227 and the parking situation on this part of the base has become a nightmare over the last month or so. From what I hear, several parking lots in the vicinity have been closed due to construction and after about 8:30 a.m., there is absolutely nowhere to park on this end of the base. I am just wondering how this happened, and if anything is being done to alleviate the crisis.

**Commander's reply:** Thank you for your concern for parking at Robins. Several security and safety concerns prompted the apparent

increase in parking congestion at the north end of the base. First, the concrete barriers that surround several of the command buildings were required for force protection. The installation of these concrete barriers required the removal of several parking spaces. In addition, flight line security and safety required the removal of all POV's from the flight line, creating a substantial need for parking spaces outside of the fenced area along First Street. Available parking just south of First Street was required to facilitate this parking need.

A variety of projects are in motion to generate more parking spaces in the area of concern. First, once the concrete barrier projects are complete several vehicles will be allowed to park within the

barrier system in approved parking spaces. This will eliminate several of the individually reserved parking spaces residing outside of the barriers, and create more open parking spaces. Second, the parking lot at Building 215 is being revised to accommodate an addition of more than 160 parking spaces. Third, a parking lot on the northwest corner of Robins Parkway and Richard Ray Boulevard will be complete in this month, and will provide more than 300 parking spaces in the Building 300 area. Lastly, the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron is evaluating reserved parking at Robins in an effort to create more open parking spaces. I hope this answers your question and thanks again for your concern.

## Remember to slow down

There have been

132

speeding tickets issued  
calendar year to date.

#### How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles =	3 points
11 - 15 miles =	4 points
16 - 20 miles =	5 points
21+ miles =	6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



#### Airmen Against Drunk Drivers

is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home.

The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren't subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

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# Commanders gather to assess AFMC’s performance and planning

**By Ron Fry**  
HQ AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO (AFMCNS) – With an emphasis on Air Force Materiel Command’s performance and strategic planning, center and wing commanders from across the command met here for the AFMC Spring Commander’s Conference April 5 - 8.

The commanders were updated on AFMC’s strategy for attaining its goals which are: provide opportunities for career development and progression while sustaining a safe, healthy, fit and ready workforce; operate quality installations; organize and provide resources to improve the command’s accountability while at the same time increasing effectiveness; develop and transition technology to maintain air, space and information dominance; and develop, field and sustain war-winning expeditionary capabilities on time, on cost.

Also, the leaders were briefed

on how the command is performing in its effort to reach its goals and how it measures its performance.

“We’ve come a long way in attaining our goals,” Gen. Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander, said. “And I believe our measures are developing nicely and will pay off in the years ahead. I’m impressed with all the hard work you and your people have done.”

In addition to focusing on strategies and mission progress, commanders discussed several topics, including the ongoing restructure of the centers, the fiscal 2006 funding outlook, transformation, the upcoming round of base closures and realignments, and AFMC Reserve and National Guard status.

Commanders were updated on the command’s emerging Wingman culture along with a variety of other personnel issues ranging from AFMC’s civilian wellness program to how leaders can write better performance

reports on their military subordinates.

“I challenged our commanders to do all they can to help our people be the best they can be professionally, physically and spiritually, and to let them know they are darn good at what they do for our Air Force each day,” said General Martin.

The commanders were given insight on how the new Afghan military establishment is learning to accomplish the acquisition and sustainment missions. Maj. Gen. Craig P. Weston, former vice commander at AFMC’s Electronic Systems Center, briefed the group about his experiences serving as chief, Office of Military Cooperation - Afghanistan, U.S. Central Command in Kabul, Afghanistan. While deployed there, it was his job to oversee the establishment of logistics and acquisitions systems that will sustain the fledging Afghan military establishment.

General Weston praised sev-

eral AFMC people who worked on his staff in Afghanistan.

“I don’t know what we would have done without them. They were small in number, but really made a difference in helping create an Afghan defense force that will enable that country to have a secure, democratic environment.”

The commanders were also treated to a presentation by Brig. Gen. Erv Lessel, deputy director of plans and programs at headquarters AFMC. General Lessel recently returned from a eight-month deployment to Iraq where he served as deputy chief of staff, strategic communication for Multi-National Forces - Iraq. His duties included planning efforts to distribute news about Coalition successes and to counter misinformation put out by opposition forces. He served as the lead spokesman for Coalition forces and conducted more than 100 interviews with major news media outlets from around the world.

## EARTH DAY EVENTS

### Environmental awareness displays

Today: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at BX; Monday and Tuesday: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Base Restaurant; Earth Day T-shirts for sale.

### Bird watching with Dr. Bob

Saturday: 8 - 10 a.m.; meet at the Luna Lake lodge and bring binoculars and field guides. For more information, call Marilyn DeMetrick at 926-1197 extension 174.

### Fishing Rodeo and Family Day

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Luna Lake and lodge (rain or shine). Fishing, radio controlled boat races, casting contest, face painting, balloons, crafts, Woodsy the Owl and Smokey Bear, tree give-a-ways, food, demonstrations, and prizes. Fishing is open to everyone, but ages 16 and older need both a Georgia and Robins fishing license



Courtesy photo

The Flshing Rodeo and Family Day will be Saturday, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Luna Lake and lodge.

(contact Nature Center at 926-4500). For more information, call L'Tanya Knight-Davis at 923-5999.

### Dormitory landscaping project

April 22-23: Buildings 758 and 759. For more information, call Kim Baker at 926-1295.

### Paper Bag Art Contest Awards Ceremony

April 25: 8:40 - 9:25 a.m. at Robins Elementary School. Winning entry will be printed on Earth Day 2006 T-shirts. For more information, call Krista Folsom at 926-1197 extension 109.

### Wellston Trail Greenway (Bay Gall Creek) Cleanup

April 30: 9 a.m. - Meet at Fountain Park on Kimberly Road. Park cleanup with Keep Warner Robins Beautiful and Air Force Reserve Command/CEV. For more information, call Shan Harris at 926-1197 extension 111.

# Commander’s Action Line addresses your concerns

**By Holly L. Birchfield**  
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While “taking it to the top” is the answer for problems in some people’s minds – Diane Gross said most can be resolved on a much lower level.

When problems arise many want to take action, and at Robins that involves sending an e-mail to Ms. Gross, the Commander’s Action Line program manager. The action line program helps people at Robins resolve base-related issues when they don’t have the means to do so themselves.

But Ms. Gross, who has managed the program for five years, said many action lines are easily resolved by getting the organization with knowledge about the problem involved before the situation escalates. “The person should try to get the problem solved first before coming to Action Line,” she said. “Talk to your facility managers or parking monitors to see if a work order has already been submitted or to report illegally parked vehicles. Most importantly, try your chain of command first.”



**Diane Gross** is the Action Line program manager.

Ms. Gross said solutions are usually reached quicker when she is allowed to intervene and work with the organization to solve the problem. The new approach to problem-solving on base has resulted in a 40 percent reduction in action lines that require installation commander involvement – a statistic Ms. Gross said demonstrates its effectiveness. “We want to encourage people to give an organization the opportunity to solve the problem first,” she said. “A lot of

people feel that they have no other course of action but to go to the top. We’re proving that a lot of problems can be solved without going all the way to the top.” However, when problems are in need of more attention, the complaint is elevated. All complaints, whether resolved by the organization or the installation commander, are taken seriously and handled in a professional and timely manner. “The reason that this program is so important is that our

people are indeed ‘first,’” Col. Greg Patterson, installation commander, said. “All Team Robins personnel need to realize that they have an avenue to address questions, make compliments or simply forward a compliment to some individual or organization they want to single out for doing a great job. It is also important for me, other commanders, managers and supervisors to know what people may be thinking about a variety of issues.”

The installation commander

said the program provides an opportunity “to dispel rumors and set the record straight on many issues.” Although most people who submit action lines are allowed to remain anonymous to the organization involved in the matter at hand, individuals may be asked to release his or her identity when the matter is of a personal nature. Action lines that pertain to the overall base population are usually selected for publication in the Rev-Up, Ms. Gross said.

## What to know

Action Line is an informal process that gives people a chance to resolve problems and compliment the service of organizations on base. Action Lines may be submitted by e-mail and should reference the situation as thoroughly as possible and must include the submitter's name and contact information to allow for follow-up. For more information, contact Diane Gross at 926-6203 or visit the Action Line link at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/>

## PA, JA get new phone numbers

Two offices in Building 215 that deal with the public have received new phone numbers. New numbers for the 78th Air Base Wing Office of Public Affairs: main number: 926-2137 (does not have voice mail); Capt. Tisha Wright, Director, 222-0809; Lisa Ham, community relations, 222-0808; media relations:Tim Kurtz 222-0801; 2nd Lt. Sequoiya Franks 222-0802; Staff Sgt. Brian Bahret 222-0803; and Rev-Up: Geoff Janes, editor, 222-0804; Angela Trunzo, associate editor, 222-0807; Sue Sapp, photographer, 222-0805; Lanorris Askew, reporter, 222-0806; and Holly Birchfield, reporter, 222-0810. New numbers for the legal office: general office assistance: 222-0547; military justice: 222-0552/0553/0554/0555; legal assistance/civil law: 222-0562/0561; labor law: 222-0564; and acquisition law: 222-0569. The numbers for claims (926-9276), litigation support unit (926-4952), and the tax center (926-2635) remain the same.

– From staff reports





U.S. Air Force photo by Kristin Pate

# going to extremes

## Robins Reserve unit 622nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron helps with home makeover



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BEFORE



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AFTER

By Lanorris Askew

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A routine tour of duty with the Louisiana National Guard in New Orleans, La., turned into an opportunity for the 622nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron to do more than fulfill their yearly two-week training, it gave them the chance to lend a helping hand to a family in need.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Lonnie Pate, 622nd CLSS Air Force Reserve team chief, he and 17 other squadron members had just checked into their hotel rooms when Senior Master Sgt. Mark Bell met one of the crew members from ABC's hit show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition".

"The whole crew of the show was staying in the same hotel we were. I got to talking to the guy in the room next to me, and we started talking about what we were both doing there. He told me about the show," said Sergeant Bell.

The sergeant, who is a fan of the show, thought it would be an amazing opportunity to help out, so he recruited his fellow Reservists to join in.

Paul Williams, Sergeant Bell's new neighbor, invited him out to the set on the first day of shooting and introduced him and Staff Sgt. Joni Hornaday to Pete Vacari, president of Pete Vicari General Contracting Inc. of Harvey, L.A., which was



U.S. Air Force photo by Kristin Pate

Top and above, members of the 622nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron lend a helping hand to the Leslie family of Braithwaite, La., for the ABC show 'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition'.

### How'd they do that?

An "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" team selects a deserving family who is unable to make much needed repairs to their home and sends them away for seven days while a team of designers, contractors and volunteers makeover the home. The 622nd CLSS recently took part in the show and helped the Leslie family of Braithwaite, La.

selected as the local contractor. "He was excited about the help and asked if we would

come back that afternoon," said Sergeant Bell.

Sergeants Hornaday and Bell were so excited about helping out, they stayed and helped with the demolition process before going back to tell the rest of the group about their afternoon assignment.

That afternoon the group arrived in formation and ready for work. According to Sergeant Bell the demolition process left debris piled 6 feet high with no way for new material to be brought in.

"In about 45 minutes we helped clear a path way for the new materials to be brought in," he said. "Everyone was so grate-

ful that we came out."

When rain threatened to ruin the home's new furniture, the squadron came back and helped load it onto a trailer.

"We trudged through the mud, but we got it all done," said Sergeant Bell.

The story behind the makeover was one that made the group want to work even harder.

Sergeant Pate said the owner of the home lost her husband and oldest son in a car accident right before Christmas in 2003, and she was now raising three children alone on a school counselor's salary.

She and her husband had started renovations on the 130-year-old, former plantation cottage with its two bedrooms and 1,900-square feet just before his death, and after the tragedy she was unable to finish it.

"It was a heart warming story, and I will always keep the memories of knowing that I was able to help them out in my mind forever," said Sergeant Bell.

Sergeant Pate agreed. "It really touched all of us when we found out that the woman had lost her husband and son," he said. "The guys in the unit have big hearts and just wanted to help out.

"It's amazing what they can do. I'm just really glad to have been a part of it."

Sergeant Bell said he and his daughter watched the episode which aired April 3.

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**SENIOR MASTER SGT. LONNIE PATE**  
622nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron Air Force Reserve team chief



ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

*To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.*

RCG 5K Fun Run

The Robins Chiefs Group will conduct a 5 kilometer fun run at 11 a.m. today at the Robins Fitness Center. Race-day registration will begin at 10:30. There is no entry fee to participate in the run, but runners are encouraged to secure sponsors. Sponsors can pledge by the kilometer or by giving a flat donation. All proceeds support the Robins Chiefs Group’s Enlisted Scholarship program, base-wide quarterly and annual awards programs, NCO/SNCO induction seminars, Community College of the Air Force graduation activities, and family support programs. For more information, pick up instruction letters and pledge sheets from any Robins Chiefs Group member or at the Fitness Center’s front desk. They can also be downloaded from <https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/rcg/>.

Hail & Farewell

The 330th Aircraft Sustainment

Wing will host the next Hail & Farewell at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Officers’ Club ballroom. Dress is uniform of the day. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Trokan Walker at 926-7700 extension 1747.

OSC meeting

Join the Officers’ Spouses Club for their monthly meeting and lunch Thursday at the Officers’ Club at 9:15 a.m. for the social and at 11 a.m. for the lunch. We will be enjoying Elegant Bingo which starts at 9:45. This is a members only bingo but new members are always welcome to join on the spot. Childcare is now available at the Child Development Center for children ages 5 and under. Call Trista Fredell at 922-6626 for information and to make your childcare reservations (must be made by today). OSC reservations must be made by Monday. Call Suzanne Cahill at 329-0489 for all reservations and cancellations.

BIG luncheon

The Middle Georgia Chapter of Blacks in Government will host its annual recognition luncheon at 11:30 a.m. April 22 at the Enlisted Club.

Tickets are \$10. The event will recognize military and civilian employees who are unsung heroes that have made positive and effective contributions in support of the mission here at Robins. For more information, contact Katie Largent at 926-6122.

Scholarship, leadership development award

The Carl Vinson Chapter of the Air Force Association is now accepting applications for the Sherrill Stafford Leadership Development Award and Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship can be used to defray education expenses as well as tuition. The deadline for applications is May 1. All interested applicants should contact the Base Education Office at 327-7325.

Protestant Religious Education Coordinator

Contract position for the Protestant Religious Education Coordinator is open for bids. For a statement of work, stop by the Base Chapel and speak with the noncommissioned officer in charge, Staff Sgt. Braderick Adams, or call 926-2821. Bids and resumes must be submitted to the chapel by close of business

May 3. Bids will be open at 10:30 a.m. May 5.

Military Appreciation Night

The Macon Knights, local arena football team, will hold a Military Appreciation Night at 7:30 p.m. May 7.

Camellia Gardens Memorial Service

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service that pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins will be May 26 at 10 a.m. in the garden across from the Officers’ Club. Diane Gross, project officer, will accept submissions for people to be memorialized this year until April 22. Honorees can be civilian or military members. For information about the ceremony or how to honor someone, contact Ms. Gross at 926-6203 or [diane.gross@robins.af.mil](mailto:diane.gross@robins.af.mil).

Youth team co-leader

The Houston Middle Georgia American Red Cross needs a co-leader for the youth team. Qualifications are mature, responsible and available in afternoons and evenings. If you are this person, call Vicki Coulter at 923-6332 at the American Red Cross.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

*Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.*

Today 7:30 p.m. – Million Dollar Baby – Clint Eastwood and Hilary Swank

Frankie Dunn is a veteran boxing trainer who has devoted his life to the ring and has little to show for it; he's estrangement from his daughter and a fighter he's groomed into contender status has signed with another manager. Then, Maggie Fitzgerald enters his life and announces she needs a trainer. Frankie regards her as a dubious prospect, as she's too old at 31, lacks experience, and has no technique. Finally won over by her determination, Frankie takes on Maggie, and as she slowly grows into a viable fighter, an emotional bond develops between them.

*Rated PG-13 (violence, some disturbing images, thematic material and language) 133 minutes*

Saturday 7:30 p.m. – Be Cool – John Travolta and Uma Thurman

Chili Palmer sees a friend killed while he's at lunch, and when he visits the wife of the deceased, he pitches himself as her new business partner, hoping to enter the music industry. Chili takes on a would-be pop star as a client but soon finds himself dealing with Russian mobsters, an incompetent manager, and other complications.

*Rated PG-13 (violence, sensuality and language including sexual references)*



SERVICES BRIEFS

Aero Club

Private pilot ground school registration will be held April 25 - May 2 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. School starts May 2 at 5:30 p.m. One-hundred percent tuition is available for active duty military. Cost is \$340 for tuition and \$235 for books and flight bag and is due at the time of registration. For more information, call 926-4867 and register soon because classroom seating is limited.

Civilian Recreation

Everyone is invited to play Bunco at the Smith Community Center Monday at 6 p.m.

Information, Tickets and Travel

A Georgia Renaissance Festival will be held Saturday - June 5 in Fairburn, Ga. ITT has tickets for \$14 for adults and \$6 for children 6-12 years old.

Champions On Ice will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Philips Arena,

Atlanta. ITT has tickets for \$25 and \$41.

Officers’ Club

Karaoke Night will be held today from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Enjoy free hors d’oeuvres and sample the popcorn from the new popcorn machine. For more information, call 926-2670

A Monte Carlo night is slated for Saturday from 7 - 11 p.m. Enjoy free heavy hors d’oeuvres, \$300 in poker money and two free beverage tickets. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. For more information, call 926-2670.

Pizza Depot

April is the month of the child and each week Pizza Depot will hold a drawing to celebrate: Saturday-Thursday, enter for a chance to win an art easel. Drawing is April 22. Customers may receive an entry form with a minimum purchase of \$4. No limit to the number of entry forms

entered. Entry forms will not carry over to the following week’s drawing. No purchase is necessary for customers who fill out an index card with contact information and deliver it to Marketing and Publicity, 755 Warner Robins Street, Robins AFB GA 31098-1469 one day prior to the drawings. For more information, call Pizza Depot at 926-0188.

Skills Development Center

The skills development center will hold classes in acrylic in animals painting Tuesday and April 26 from noon - 2 p.m., cost \$12.50; landscapes with Pennie Sunderman Tuesday from 6 - 9 p.m., cost \$35; watercolor animals Monday and April 25 from noon - 2 p.m., cost \$10; calligraphy Thursday and April 28 from 10 - 11 am., cost \$10; scratch board art Monday and April 25 from 10 - 11:30 a.m., cost \$10; sewing Wednesday and April 27 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., cost \$12.50; baby blanket quilting Thursday from 1

- 3 p.m., cost \$12.50; portrait drawing/painting Monday from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; tote bag quilting April 28 from 5 - 7 p.m., cost \$12.50; scroll saw April 27 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$10; auto shop safety and orientation every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m. free of charge. Registration and payment is required for all classes. Class space is limited. All classes are subject to change and do not include supply and equipment costs. For more information, call the skills development center at 926-5282.

Smith Community Center

Bring the family to the movie in the park April 22 at 8 p.m. (or dark) to watch “Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang” at Robins Park. Participants may bring lawn chairs and blankets. Cost is free and concessions will be available. This is a 3C event and everyone will receive pogs. For more information, call Lynne Brackett at 926-2105.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

Mary Sue Trussell, 78thSS/DPCLB.

Point of contact is Vickie Lacey at 926-0677.

Kia Wyche, 78th MSS/DPCSB.

Point of contact is Dawn Jacobs at 222-0633.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave

recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo at [angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil](mailto:angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

*The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.*

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fitness Center

Everyone is welcome to the Chief’s run to be held today at 11 a.m. to benefit the Chief’s Scholarship Fund. Pledge sheets are available at the front desk of the fitness center.

An ultimate Frisbee tournament is scheduled for April 23 at 11 a.m. Teams will consist of seven members. Sign up at the fitness center. This is a 3C event.

Letters of intent for softball are due by April 29 at the fitness center.

Golf Course

During April, golfers will save money when they pay their annual green fees in advance. Family, senior and junior plans are available as well as monthly payment plans.

An after school junior golf academy will be held April 19 - 21 for ages 7-9 and April 26 - 28 for ages 10-12. Cost is \$45 and will be held from 4 - 5:15 p.m. Register at the pro shop.

A ladies social golf league will be held Mondays with a tee times between 5 - 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person. Nine holes of golf and tees will be moved up to shorten the course and increase the fun.

Golf tournaments

The annual golf scramble to celebrate the birthday

of retired Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott, Jr., Macon’s WW II ace and author of “God is My Co-pilot” will be today at Barrington Hall Golf Course in Macon with an evening birthday celebration at the clubhouse. The tournament fee includes one round of golf with cart, lunch and dinner and commemorative gift. For more information, contact June Lowe or Mary Lynn Harrison at 923-6600.

Environmental Management and Society of American Military Engineers are hosting the 2005 Earth Day Golf Tournament. It will be held at Pine Oaks Golf Course Thursday. Format is four-person scramble with shotgun start at noon. Play will be from best ball. Come out and enjoy a day on the greens. Cost is \$45 per person (covers lunch, goody bag, green fees, cart, range balls, beverages and prizes). To register, contact Ken Wharam at 926-5794 or Steve Smith at 926-1197 extension 142.

The 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron will host a golf tournament April 29 at 11:30 a.m. at the Landings Golf Course, 309 Stathams Way, Warner Robins. Cost is \$40 per person and includes lunch, drink and range balls. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. David Algire at 327-4055.

The Middle Georgia Logistics Officer Association golf tournament will be April 29 at the Pine Oaks Golf Course. Shotgun start is 1 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person and includes green fee, lunch and range balls. There

will be a best ball tourney with prizes for the top three teams and longest drive/closest pin. Raffle tickets will be available for \$1. Three feet of “short putt” string will be available for \$3, with a limit of one per player. There will also be mulligans for sale for \$2 each or three for \$5, with a limit of three per player. For more information, contact Capt. John Nolan at 926-7615 or Capt. Jeremiah McBride at 926-4711.

The Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. will host its second annual golf tournament April 30. The tournament will be held at the Waterford Golf Course, with check in at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon. There will be a shotgun start at 2 p.m. The purpose of the tournament is to raise funds for Flight of Eagles program, which provides advance training for seventh and eighth graders in math and science. For more information, contact T.J.Bradford at 329-9935 or Jeanette McElhaney at 397-0212.

Outdoor Recreation

Swim lesson registration will begin May 18 at equipment rental, Building 914, with lessons at the Crestview pool. Classes will be held June 7 - 17, June 21 - July 1, July 5 - 15 and July 19 - 29. Cost for "Mommy & Me" toddler class (ages 2 and 3) is \$30 per child. For beginner, intermediate and advanced classes (ages 4 -13), the cost is \$40 per child. All fees are due at time of registration. For more information, call 926-4001.

Airman’s attic

The Airmen’s Attic supports junior enlisted members that are establishing a household. E-4s and below are encouraged to visit the attic to find items to help defray the cost of setting up an apartment or home. Items usually available include kitchenware, small appliances, decorative items, children’s clothing, toys and military uniforms. Larger items are passed on to junior enlisted members by way of a “Wish List.”

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Job fair

The FSC and Georgia Department of Labor will host a job fair May 20, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar. More than 50 employers are expected to attend.

Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are offered at 9 a.m. Mondays and Fridays in Building 945, FSC annex. For more information, call 926-3453.

Career focus

Military spouses and family members, and displaced civilian personnel can improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. For more information, call 926-1256.





U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Matthew, Rich and Nubia Quick enjoy the warm weather April 5.

# Family learns life lessons through autistic son

By Holly L. Birchfield  
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Having a child is what some would refer to as a life-changing experience – but for Rich and Nubia Quick it was more of a change than they expected. Seven years ago, Mr. Quick, a logistics analyst for the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, and his wife, Nubia, learned that their nearly one and a half year-old son, Matthew, was autistic. The 52-year-old father said news of his son’s condition left him in shock. “Any dream that we had about what our child would be in our lives was basically smashed,” he said. “Until you learn more, all you’ve ever heard is that these children have no hope...that there’s no help for them.” Like most parents, faced with such news, Mr. Quick and his wife began looking into ways to understand and cope with the disorder that would ultimately change not only their now 8-year-old son’s life, but have a great impact on theirs as well. “The first thing you do is read everything you can get your hands on about the condition and you try any treatment you can find, trying to find something that works,” he said. The couple said in recent years, speech and occupational therapies, as well as therapy involving interaction with horses, have helped their young son open up and relate more to others – a behavior that Mr. Quick said doesn’t come easy for children like his son. “At first, he wouldn’t go near the horse,” he said. “But by the end of the first session, he was finger painting on the horse and was no longer afraid of animals.” While therapies have made great improvements with their son’s condition, the Quicks said each day is a challenge, maintaining a structured environment so their son can better adjust to the world around him. “He’ll wake up in the middle of the night and you have to walk around with him for a bit until he is ready to take his medicine and go back to sleep,” he said. “We get up with him and get him ready for school. We have to tell him what he is going to do each day, so he knows what to expect, so he

can feel comfortable in his environment. If something happens that he wasn’t expecting, he gets upset and could have a meltdown.” Taking care of a child with autism leaves the couple very little time for themselves or each other, Mrs. Quick said. “There’s no time for yourself,” she said. “You have to ignore yourself and focus on him. I’m no longer worried about my life. I’m worried about my child’s life.” But Matthew’s mother said even though the task of caring for her son is time-consuming, he has taught her so much in his young life. “I have learned to be patient and strong,” she said. “You have to learn to teach him whatever you can in that moment, while you can. I wasn’t prepared for this, but it has taught me (in our everyday struggles) to be a stronger person.” His father agreed. “I’ve never considered myself to be a patient person,” he said. “But now, people look at me and say, ‘wow, you’re so patient.’ You have to learn patience and accept how things are or you’ll go crazy.” Dr. Amanda Draper, a staff physician with the 78th Medical Group’s Pediatric Clinic, said while the developmental disorder remains a mystery to the medical community in many ways, parents can help their autistic child by using available resources. “Most of these children need some type of intervention to help them develop to the utmost potential,” she said. “What is needed will depend upon the child. Many need speech therapy, occupational or physical therapy – most of which is the responsibility of the state via the school system....Parents need to make themselves aware of the resources available to them in their area.” Dr. Draper, who has been a general pediatrician at the clinic for nearly three years, said with proper therapy and intervention, 30 to 40 percent of children diagnosed with a more severe case of autism may grow up to live independent lives. Matthew’s parents said while their son may not be what some consider “normal,”

## What to know

April is National Autism Awareness Month, a time of education about the pervasive developmental disorder, which includes a variety of developmental characteristics, such as socialization difficulty and repetitive ritualistic behavior. The disorder is typically diagnosed by age 3. Recent statistics indicate two to five kids out of 1,000 have prevalence for developing the disorder. For more information, visit the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Web site at [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org) or contact your child’s pediatrician.

they hope, with time, they can help him be the best person he can be.

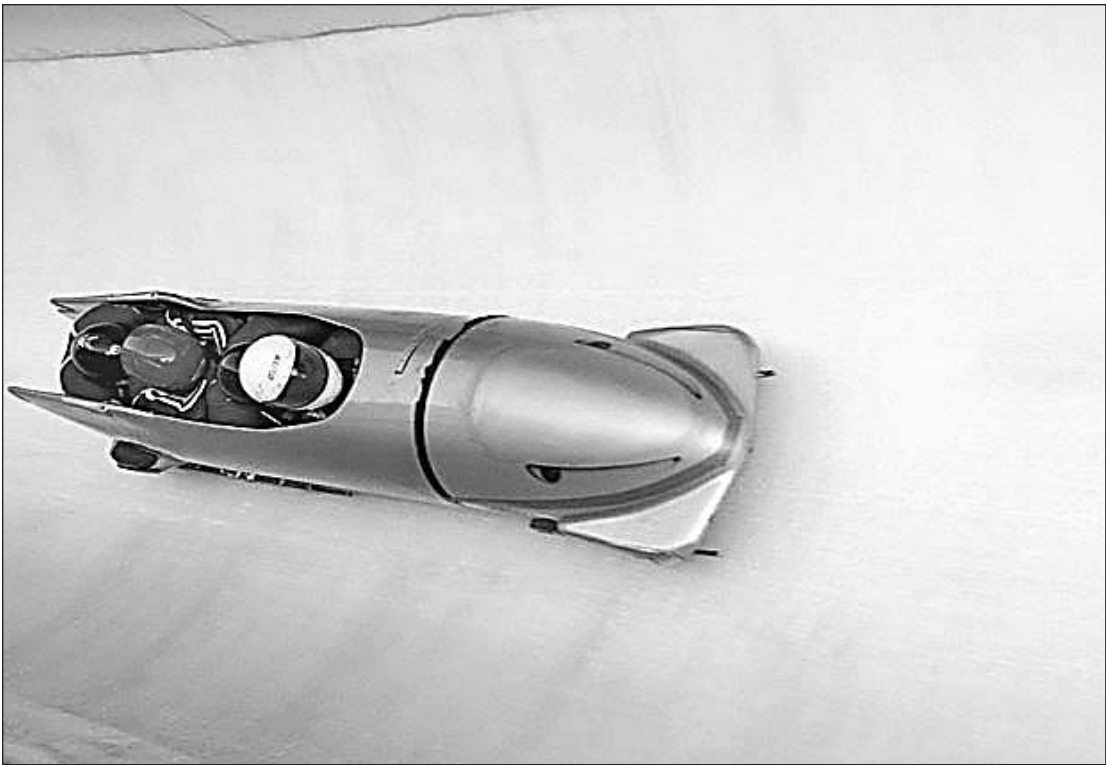
## Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing available

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for people returning from overseas and for stateside Airmen who must move from August through October is available. Airmen need to work through their military personnel flight or their commander’s support staff to update their preferences by April 29. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-May, Air Force Personnel Center officials here said. People can see the list at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or visit their local military personnel flight.

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**NUBIA QUICK**  
Mother of 8-year-old Matthew, who is autistic





Courtesy photo

Hoy Thurman, a 116th Air Control Wing technical sergeant, is a competitive bobsledder and a brakeman on the No. 4 U.S.A. team fighting for a chance to compete at the World Cup level and in the Olympics.

# 116th member competes on U.S. bobsled team

**By Airman Paul R. Ross**  
116th Air Control Wing

Subzero temperatures, speeds greater than 85 miles per hour, one fiberglass bullet speeding down an icy, winding incline. Your helmet and your quick reactions are all that protect you. You are a bobsledder.

Hoy Thurman, a 116th Air Control Wing technical sergeant and competitive bobsledder has experienced all of that as a brakeman on the No. 4 U.S.A. team fighting for a chance to compete at the World Cup level and in the Olympics.

“During the season you race four times on three different tracks to be eligible for selection to the World Cup and Olympics,” said the surveillance radar technician. “I’ve been to Calgary, Canada, Park City, Utah, and Lake Placid, N.Y.”

A brakeman on a bobsled team is positioned at the back of the sled and is usually the fastest runner. I pull the brakes when it is time for the racing sled to come to a stop, said Thurman.

“I have pushed from the side on a four man team but I usually compete as a brakeman,” said Thurman. “My driver and I were the No. 1 two-man sled, which is com-

prised of a brake man and driver, competing at Calgary this season.”

Being competitive is a part of how Thurman lives his life.

“People telling me I can’t do something drives me competitively,” said Thurman. “I compete for all the couch potatoes, all of the coulda, shoulda, woulda folks who think their days of competing are over.”

According to the Indianapolis native, competing at the national level isn’t anything new. He ran track for the United States through the World Class Athlete Program, the same program he is bobsledding through.

“I qualified in the 60-meter dash in 2004 for the indoor Master’s tour but I want to concentrate on bobsledding and on my 1- and 5-year-old kids,” said Thurman.

The father of two said he plans to expose his children to as many sports as possible and teach them to be competitive and strive to win but also to act graciously when they lose.

There are two- and four-man teams that compete from each U.S. team. The points earned by those individual teams are tallied to see who gets to compete at the world level and in the Olympics.

“Hoy Thurman was a tremendous asset to my team

and success this season,” said bobsledder and driver of Thurman’s team, Joe McDonald. “We were able to win the overall America’s Cup title in two-man and four-man, and I couldn’t have done it without him.”

Many people don’t understand how tough bobsledding is. They think you just get in the sled and go down the hill. But there is much more strategy, strength and skill needed to be successful, said Thurman.

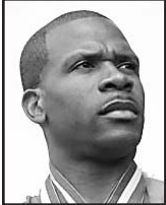
“It’s like a runaway freight train,” said Thurman. “There is no roller coaster or amusement park ride that can compare to the trip. I never thought when I was a little kid that I’d have the chance to compete for a spot in the Olympics.”

To get a chance to compete in the Olympics the team’s driver has to qualify at the world level.

Then the drivers choose the other bobsledders for their team, said Thurman.

“Last year my driver went with someone more experienced, but this year being over-looked is not an option,” said Thurman. “I will compete on the World Cup circuit.”

For more information on U.S. bobsledding or the U.S. Bobsledding and Skeleton Federation visit [www.usbsf.com](http://www.usbsf.com).



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**HOY THURMAN**  
competitive bobsledder

## Deployed Families Bowling Day set for May 8

The Family Support Center is holding a Deployed Families Bowling Day May 8 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Robins Bowling Center.

The free event is open to all families of deployed military. Families must register for the event by May 6. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Michael Bullard, Family Readiness Coordinator at the FSC, at 926-3453.

— From staff reports



# Portion of Robins Parkway re-opens

By Lanorris Askew  
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April showers may bring May flowers, but a late March downpour caused a portion of Robins Parkway to wither away.

The 30-foot-wide, 15-foot-deep sinkhole, which appeared on a portion of the northbound lane of the busy thoroughfare March 27, is now a thing of the past and the once closed stretch of roadway opened for business again Monday morning.

According to Bob Farrell, deputy base civil engineer, a delivery order was awarded to the Ellis Group to fix the gaping hole. The Ellis Group hired Folsom Incorporated of Cordele, Ga., as their subcontractor.

Though the process to repair the hole was hindered by the about 8 inches of rain that fell during the two-week long undertaking, the project was a success.

Mr. Farrell said before actual work could begin, the hole had to be excavated to ensure the sides were sloped adequately and not a safety hazard for those working below grade.

“Next the workers went down into the hole to determine how much damage had been done to the pipes and then removed them,” he said.

After the removal of the pipes, gravel was placed to provide a bed for the pipes. “They used a laser to make



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Bob Farrell, left, deputy base civil engineer, and Lance Woods, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron civil engineer, survey the work on Robins Parkway last week. The road re-opened Monday.

sure the pipes were sloped for proper flow,” said the deputy base civil engineer.

New 48-inch reinforced concrete pipes were laid on the gravel bed and fill material was hauled in and compacted in lifts to cover the pipes.

Mr. Farrell said although the rain was a hindrance, it did help with the compaction of the subgrade.

“These folks did an outstanding job on this project,” he said. “They worked around the clock stopping only when the rain wouldn’t allow them to continue.”

After forming and pouring concrete for the headwalls and curbs and the final laying of asphalt, the street opened at 4 a.m. Monday, in time to accommodate Russell Parkway gate opening at 5.

Mr. Farrell said the sinkhole resulted when torrential rain showers pelted Robins.

“One of the storm water pipes that ran under that section of road over to Duck Lake had a hole in it,” he said. “The high-velocity water (from the rain) in the pipes caused a low pressure area that led to the saturated soil being sucked

## What to know

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into the hole and into the lake.”

That he said led to the eventual collapse of the pavement.

## Take your daughters, sons to work day set for April 28

The Ms. Foundation for Women will celebrate “Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day” April 28.

Launched in April 2003, this celebration serves to broaden the discussion about the competing challenges of work and family.

To achieve their full potential, whether it is in the home, workplace, or community, girls and boys must be encouraged to participate fully in family, work, and community activities.

Civilian employees may be allowed to participate in this

program, workload permitting. Some areas, however, may not be suitable for children due to safety concerns.

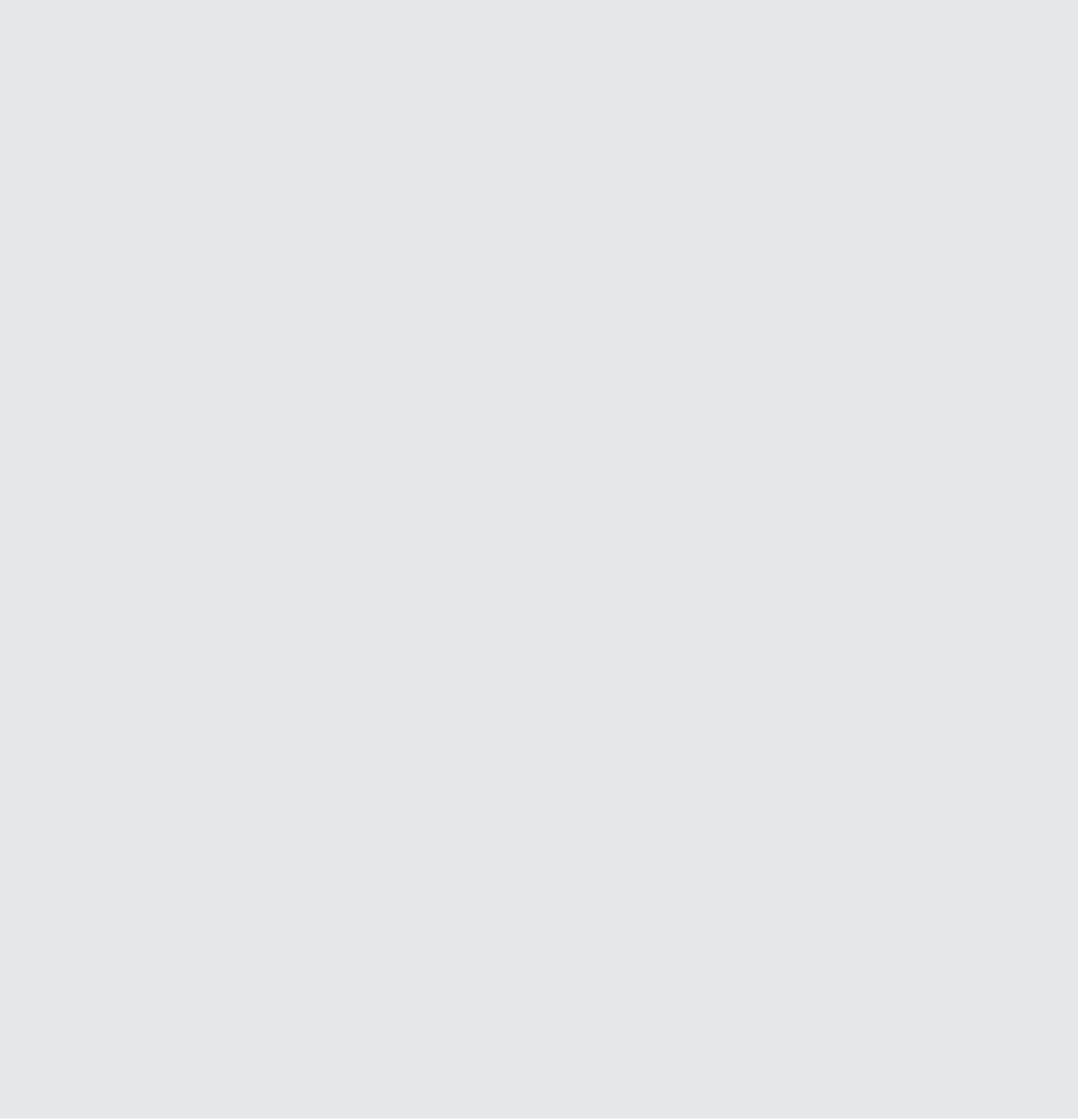
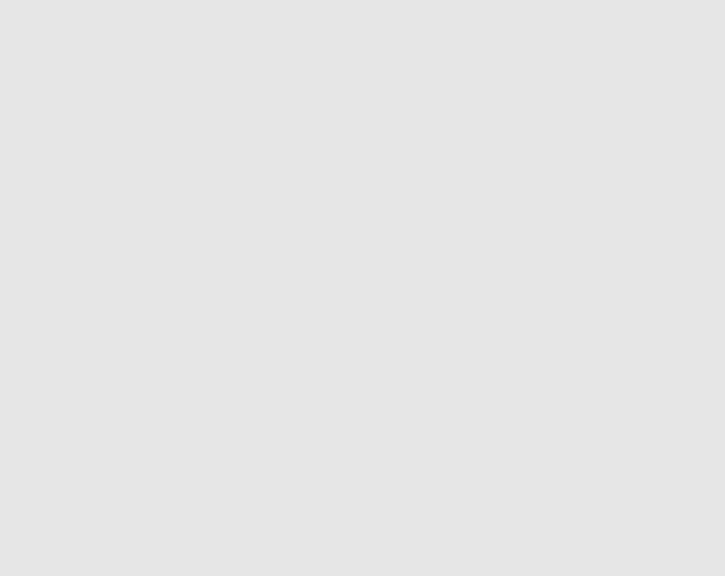
Individual organizations are responsible for identifying those areas not suitable for this event.

Employees who wish to participate must obtain approval from their immediate supervisor.

If you have questions, you may contact your servicing Employee Relations Specialist, at 926-5802 or 926-0677.

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[www.robins.af.mil/pa/revup-online/weekinphotos.htm](http://www.robins.af.mil/pa/revup-online/weekinphotos.htm)



### ATTENTION ROBINS COMPUTER USERS

## Security Protection Procedures for Password & User Identification

The userid/password combination is the most common method to authenticate a user’s identity. This method is popular because of the low cost; however, poor password use and management have left many systems vulnerable and are exploited in the majority of system penetrations. Each user is responsible and accountable for the protection of their password and user identification.

Users are never to share their password. If password sharing is necessary for mission accomplishments, make sure that the password is changed immediately after shared access is no longer required. At a minimum, users must safeguard their passwords as “For Official Use Only” (FOUO). Users must protect all passwords based on the sensitivity of the information or critical operations they protect (i.e., a password used to gain access to a SECRET network is itself classified SECRET). Usernames are an unclassified reference to a user that can be displayed on printouts and in audit trails without compromising the password, however, users must follow the base policies and regulations governing the security protection and procedures required for security password processing.

Password cracking is still a threat. Crack application tools are used to audit password files to identify user accounts with weak passwords. Users whose password is cracked must be notified and briefed on Air Force password complexity requirements and force to change their password immediately. Remember to use the base “force password” criteria, contact your Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO) if you suspect your password has been compromised, do not leave your terminal unprotected while you are logged in, and verify your login information provided to make sure your account has not been used since your last session.

Under no circumstances should legitimate government Network administrator Functional System Administrator (FSA), or Workgroup Manager (WG) ask users for their password. Also, never should a computer user disclose or provide their password to anyone including a network administrator or computer security administrator. If such incident occurs, users should immediately, report this incident to their ISSO office or notify the Information Assurance (IA) office, change their password, do a computer scan on their local PC, and report any suspicious activities to their computer security manager.

To prevent any password violations or user identification security threats users should comply with all mandatory Air Force instruction (AFIs), regulations and local policies governing the protection of their password and user identification.

- Air Force Instruction 33-202, Volume 1, 18 January 2005
- AFMAN 33-223, 19 July 2004
- RAFB Instruction Policy, 33-207, May 2003



# For the record



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Top, Robins Elementary School fourth, fifth and sixth graders perform a recorder concert at the school Monday. Above, a student plays her recorder. Students spent three and a half months learning how to play the instrument. Left, Sheila Clompton, the school's music teacher, presents the 2005 recorder champions: sixth-grader Bryant Douglas and fourth-grader Lani Villanueva.

